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Ms. Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect July 20, 2003, tariff material consisting of:

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This filing introduces a new toll optional calling plan (OCP) called the *Verizon Five Cents Plan<sup>sm</sup>*. The *Verizon Five Cents Plan<sup>sm</sup>* is designed to provide residence *Local Package* and *Local Package Standard* customers with a 5-cent (\$.05) per minute rate on directly dialed regional toll calls. The *Verizon Five Cents Plan<sup>sm</sup>* is an optional add-on service. There is no charge to subscribe to the service and no monthly recurring charge. There is also no monthly minimum charge. The 5-cent per minute rate is applicable 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. The *Verizon Five Cents Plan<sup>sm</sup>* is offered and available only to *Local Package* and *Local Package Standard* customers who select Verizon as their regional toll provider.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Frances O'Neill-Cunha of my staff at 401 525-3560.

Enclosed are an original and nine copies of the tariff material. Please return a copy of this letter and the tariff pages marked "Duplicate" with your stamp of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. O'Brien

Attachments

### **Verizon Rhode Island**

# **Verizon Five Cents Plan**<sup>SM</sup>

**Tariff Filing Support** 

### Verizon Five Cents Plan<sup>sm</sup>

### **New Product Description**

The *Verizon Five Cents Plan*<sup>sm</sup> a new toll optional calling plan (OCP) designed to provide residence *Local Package* and *Local Package Standard* customers with a 5-cent (\$.05) per minute rate on directly dialed regional toll calls. The *Verizon Five Cents Plan*<sup>sm</sup> is an optional add-on service. There is no charge to subscribe to the service and no monthly recurring charge. There is also no monthly minimum charge. The 5-cent per minute rate is applicable 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Messages are timed on a whole minute basis and rounded-up to the next highest minute. The *Verizon Five Cents Plan*<sup>sm</sup> is offered and available only to *Local Package* and *Local Package Standard* customers who select Verizon as their regional toll provider.

### **Target Market**

The target market for the *Verizon Five Cents Plansm* is those customers who currently subscribe to Local Package and Local Package Standard. These customers represent the "low-end" of Verizon's package service customer base. In separate filings, Verizon is providing enhancements to our "high-end" package service customer base that are not applicable to Local Package and Local Package Standard customers. The introduction of the *Verizon Five Cents Plansm* is an enhancement that provides greater value to Verizon's customers who prefer a more narrow service package.

### **Rationale for Filing**

The introduction of a 5-cent per minute intraLATA toll plan is intended to reduce the loss of residential access lines. Verizon's strategy is to provide Local Package customers with a 5-cent toll calling option for direct dialed regional toll calls that are not included in existing package offerings. Verizon's Five Cents Plan<sup>sm</sup> is designed to complement Verizon Long Distance's ("VZ LD") 5-cent interstate plan. Verizon's ability to provide a 5-cent calling consumer message ("Call anywhere beyond your local calling area for 5¢ a minute") will significantly increase Verizon's opportunity to retain and winback residential access lines.

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### 1. Tariff Information and General Regulations

#### 1.1 Tariff Information

1.1.5	Trademarks and Service Marks	
A.	(Continued)	
m.	VALUFLEX®	(T)
2.	Service Marks	
a.	INTELLISMART SM	
b.	PULSENET SM	
C.	WORKSMART <sup>SM</sup>	(T)
d.	Verizon Five Cents Plan SM	(N)
3.	Registered Trademark/Service Marks	(T)
a.	NYNEX®	

#### 1.1.6 Definitions

**Additional Listing**—A listing in addition to the initial or joint user listing provided with the customer's service.

**Authorized Protective Connecting Module**—A protective unit designed by the Telephone Company and manufactured under the control of the Telephone Company quality assurance procedures. This unit is incorporated in a customer provided answering device.

**Authorized User**—An individual authorized by the Telephone Company to use a customer's telephone service. It includes members of the household, employees, or agents of the customer, residential tenants of hotels, clubs, etc.; and joint users as arranged for. The term authorized user, used in connection with private line service, denotes a person, firm or corporation designated by the customer and authorized by the Telephone Company to use the customer's service.

**Baud**—A unit of signaling speed. It is the reciprocal of the time of duration in seconds of the shortest signal element (mark or space) within a code signal. The speed in bauds is the number of signal elements per second.

**Building**—A structure under one roof, or two or more structures where such structures adjoin, connect or are occupied as follows. The structures directly adjoin each other, being separated only by a building wall. The structures are connected by a completely enclosed passageway designed for and used primarily as the regular route for foot travel between the structures and is also suitable for the installation and maintenance of interior telephone facilities. The major portion of the structures is occupied by the same customer.

**Bridging Connection**—As used in connection with Private Line Series 6000 channels, indicates amplifying equipment and services required to connect a station, or an interexchange channel serving a station, at an intermediate point on an interexchange network, or to connect an additional station at a terminal point.

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## 10. Message Telecommunications Service (MTS) Optional Toll Calling Plans

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10.5 Verizon Five Cents Plan<sup>sm</sup>

10.5.	1 Description
A.	This service is an optional toll-calling plan which is offered as a supplement to lines subscribed to Local Package and Local Package Standard.
B.	This service provides for a uniform per-minute rate to be charged for Local Package and Local Package Standard customers' qualifying regional toll usage twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
1.	Qualifying usage consists of customer dialed station-to-station sent-paid toll calls and to those operator completed station-to-station sent-paid toll calls when facilities are not available for customer dial completion, and to operator completed station-to-station sent-paid toll calls for handicapped persons unable to dial calls because of their handicap.
2.	Qualifying usage does not include calls to 700, 800, and 900 services; billed to a third telephone number calls; collect calls; person-to-person calls; Calling Card calls; conference; directory assistance; call connect; *69; Audiotex type pay-per-call services; and other calls that normally require an operator except for those calls specified in Section 10.5.1B1.
C.	Verizon Five Cents Plan is not available in conjunction with any other regional toll calling plan or service.
D.	Verizon Five Cents Plan is not available with residence PBX trunks, lines equipped with ISDN, Student Centrex, 700, 800, or 900 services and Group Bridging telephone service numbers.
E.	Verizon Five Cents Plan is available only to residence Local Package and Local Package Standard customers who utilize the telephone Company as their local and intraLATA toll service provider, and whose basic service is provided over Telephone Company access lines.

10.5.	2 Application of Rates and Charges		
A.	<b>Usage</b> — A uniform rate per minute applies and does not vary by time-of-day, day-of-week, or distance.		
В.	Accumulation of message time is done on a whole minute basis. Individual messages with fractional totals are rounded to the next higher minute.		
C.	Verizon Five Cents Plan rates are in addition to the rates and charges for Local Package and Local Package Standard service and rates and charges for other associated services.		
D.	Discount— Usage associated with Verizon Five Cents Plan does not qualify for any additional discount.		
E.	A Service and Equipment (S&E) charge does not apply to establish the Verizon Five Cents Plan independently.		

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### 1. Exchange and Network Services

## 1.10 Message Telecommunications Service (MT) Optional Toll Calling Plans

1.10.2	Rhode Island Statewide Calling Services				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC	
	Unlimited Usage	Two-Party – Rate Group B - Monthly	24.17		
		Two-Party – Rate Group C - Monthly	23.82		
		Two-Party – Rate Group D - Monthly	21.66		
		Two-Party – Rate Group E - Monthly	20.55		
		Two-Party – Rate Group F - Monthly	19.95		
		Local package and local package standard – All Rate Groups – Monthly	21.25		
		Measured – Monthly – All Rate Groups – Monthly	24.70		
	Discount	Percentage Discount – Customer Dialed – Calling Card Calls – Applied to usage rates and incremental charges	25%		

1.10.3	Reserved for Future Use				(N)
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC	
					(N)

1.10.4	0.4 Sensible Minute Plan			(T)	
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC	
	Sensible Minute	Per Minute or Fraction Thereof	.09	OFRXX	(T)

1.10.5	Verizon Five Cents Plan <sup>sm</sup>			(N)	
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC	
	Verizon Five Cents Plan	Per Minute or Fraction Thereof	.05	OFFM1	(N)

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